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Libertarians nominate Harry Browne for President

His goal: 50-state ballot status and a spot in the presidential debates

WASHINGTON, DC -- With an overwhelming first-ballot victory, best-selling author Harry Browne won the presidential nomination of the Libertarian Party at its national convention this weekend.

His next goal: A ballot spot in all 50 states and an invitation to the presidential debates this fall.

Browne, 63, won more than 68% of the votes from the 600+ Libertarian Party delegates gathered at the Hyatt Capitol Hill hotel in downtown Washington, DC, on Saturday, July 7th. He defeated challengers Rick Tompkins, Irwin Schiff, and Doug Ohmen.

In his acceptance speech to the cheering delegates and a live C-SPAN audience of millions, Browne posed the question he said might change the direction of government once and for all: "Would you be willing to give up your favorite government programs if it meant you would never again have to pay income tax?"

If elected, Browne promised to abolish the income tax and "get the federal government out of everything not specified in the Constitution," which would allow him to deliver "huge tax cuts now, huge spending cuts now, [and] a balanced budget now."

Again and again, Browne returned to his campaign's central theme: "Government doesn't work. People everywhere recognize that government doesn't work. It doesn't deliver the mail on time; it doesn't keep the cities safe; it doesn't educate our children properly.

"Government has failed. Government reforms have failed. Government politicians have failed. Government doesn't work. So we don't want to reform the federal government. We don't want to slow its growth. We don't want to improve the management of it. We want to reduce it to the absolute minimum possible," he said.

Selected as Browne's running mate was Jo Jorgensen, the president of a software company in South Carolina.

The Libertarian Party is already on the ballot in 33 states, and plans to qualify for all 50 state ballots by mid-August.

Browne, a resident of Tennessee, writes an investment newsletter and is the author of nine books, including his recent campaign manifesto *Why Government Doesn't Work*, the #1 bestseller *You Can Profit from a Monetary Crisis*, and *How I Found Freedom in an Unfree World*.

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